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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A seat ring for [[the]] a butterfly valve comprising ~~having a flange surface on both its side surfaces of the hollow cylindrical body portion is characterized by its~~ a hollow cylindrical body portion with two side surfaces, each of said side surfaces being a flange surface,

an outer circumference of ~~the~~ said body portion ~~being formed in~~ having an elliptic shape with ~~the~~ a stem axial direction as its [[long]] longitudinal axis, and [[its]] an inner circumference[[,]] of said body portion ~~formed in~~ having a circular shape.

2. (Currently Amended) The seat ring for [[the]] a butterfly valve [[in]] according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a ratio of ~~the~~ a thickness dimension of the body portion from the inner circumference in the stem axial direction to the thickness dimension [[of]] in the direction perpendicular to the stem axis from the inner circumference[[,]] is ~~formed at~~ 1:01:1 to 2:1.

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3. (New)   The seat ring for a butterfly valve according to claim 1, further comprising an annular protrusion on said outer circumference of said body portion.

4. (New)   The seat ring for a butterfly valve according to claim 3, said annular protrusion having a rectangular sectional shape.

5. (New)   The seat ring for a butterfly valve according to claim 1, further comprising two stem through-holes, each said through-hole having on a periphery portion a shape boss portion.

6. (New)   The seat ring for a butterfly valve according to claim 1, further comprising a lug portion on an upper end of each flange surface.

7.   (New)   The seat ring for a butterfly valve according to claim 1, wherein said seat ring is made of at least one of EPDM, NBR or PVDF.

8. (New)   The seat ring for a butterfly valve according to claim 1, further comprising two stem through-holes, each of said stem through-holes having a ring.